

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions,
2 the method comprising the steps of:

3 receiving an indication to save an IM chat transcript of an IM chat session; and
4 saving an IM chat transcript in response to receiving the indication.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 receiving an indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the
3 indication;
4 providing a prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM
5 chat session, the prompt comprising:

6 an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and
7 an indication to not save the IM chat transcript;

8 wherein the step of receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript is
9 responsive to the step of providing the prompt.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of saving the IM chat transcript
2 comprises the step of:
3 saving the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the IM chat window comprises a record of
2 IM events, the IM events being selected from a group consisting of:
3 a list of participants in the IM chat session;
4 IM text messages from the participants;
5 files transferred during the IM chat session; and
6 a combination thereof.

1 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
2 converting the IM chat transcript to a text file.

1 6. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
2 converting the IM chat transcript to an email message.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of saving the IM chat transcript
2 comprises the step of:
3 saving the IM chat transcript as text file.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of saving the IM chat transcript
2 comprises the step of:
3 saving the IM chat transcript as an email message.

1 9. A computer-readable medium comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an
3 indication to save an IM chat transcript of an IM chat session; and
4 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save an IM
5 chat transcript in response to receiving the indication.

1 10. The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an
3 indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the indication; and
4 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide a
5 prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM chat session, the
6 prompt comprising:
7 an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and
8 an indication to not save the IM chat transcript.

1 11. The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM
3 chat transcript as an IM chat window.

1 12. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convert the
3 IM chat transcript to a text file.

1 13. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convert the
3 IM chat transcript to an email message.

1 14. The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM
3 chat transcript as text file.

1 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM
3 chat transcript as an email message.

1 16. A system for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions,
2 the system comprising:
3 means for receiving an indication to save an IM chat transcript of an IM chat
4 session; and
5 means for saving an IM chat transcript in response to receiving the indication.

1 17. A system for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions,
2 the system comprising:
3 receive logic configured to receive an indication to save an IM chat transcript of
4 an IM chat session; and
5 save logic configured to save an IM chat transcript in response to receiving the
6 indication.

1 18. The system of claim 17, further comprising:
2 terminate-receive logic configured to receive an indication to terminate the IM
3 chat session prior to receiving the indication; and
4 prompt logic configured to provide a prompt in response to receiving the
5 indication to terminate the IM chat session, the prompt comprising:
6 an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and
7 an indication to not save the IM chat transcript.

1 19. The system of claim 17, wherein the save logic further comprises:
2 IM-save logic configured to save the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

1 20. The system of claim 19, further comprising:
2 text-convert logic configured to convert the IM chat transcript to a text file.

1 21. The system of claim 19, further comprising:
2 email-convert logic configured to convert the IM chat transcript to an email
3 message.

1 22. The system of claim 17, wherein the save logic further comprises:
2 text-save logic configured to save the IM chat transcript as text file.

1 23. The system of claim 17, wherein the save logic further comprises:
2 email-save logic configured to save the IM chat transcript as an email message.